

## **2** **INTRODUCTION AND RATIONALE**

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This policy sets out the approach to the development and organisation of statutory QA guidelines issued by QQI under section 27(1) of the 2012 Act.

QQI's approach builds on the experience of QA guidelines in the past and the implementation of the 2012 Act.

The aim of this policy is to provide the rationale and architecture for all QA guidelines issued by QQI. In summary, it explains:

- What QA guidelines are and how they should be used
- The overarching principles which will apply to all QA guidelines
- The rationale for developing a suite of guidelines for different sectors and topics

The principles underpinning QQI policy on QA guidelines are both stated explicitly and embedded within this policy.